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Mr. M. SURYANARAYANA :—" May I know if the criminal powers are actually exercised by the panchayats or are they merely latent? "

The hon. Sir K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" I suppose that when a court is invested with powers it would exercise them when occasion arose."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" There seems to be some mistake in regard to this matter. An order has been issued by the Government empowering the panchayats to exercise criminal jurisdiction. But the courts are not so exercising and the magistrates deputed for the work originally are still going and disposing of the criminal cases. There seems to be some confusion. I may mention for example one particular case."

The hon. Sir K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" If the hon. Member can draw the attention of Government to any particular court, the Government can inquire into the matter."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I refer, Sir, to a village in Adoni taluk Kowtalam."

The hon. Sir K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" If the hon. Member will kindly give the information in writing, the matter can be considered."

#### APPENDIX A.

[Vide answer to question No. 677 asked by Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1923, page 1275 supra.]

*Statement showing the area disafforested and assigned in the Kuragallu reserve, Guntur district.*

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Total area disafforested ... ..	1,303 53
Extent assigned to distinguished soldiers ...	15 50
Extent assigned to sepoy's ... ..	797 29
Extent assigned to depressed classes ... ..	340 45

N.B.—Information regarding the communities to which the assignees belong is not available.

#### APPENDIX B.

[Vide answer to question No. 681 asked by Khan Sahib Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 29th January 1923, page 1277 supra.]

*List of damage to permanent-way, rolling stock, etc.*

##### *I.—Damage to permanent-way.*

- 12 Rails.
- 55 Steel sleepers.
- 24 Fish plates.
- 48 „ bolts.
- 108 Steel keys.
- 790 One foot of bank badly damaged.
- 250 One foot bank undamaged but ballast washed out.

Estimated cost ... .. Rs. 5,000